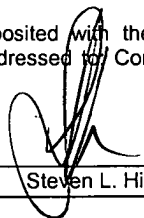




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In re Application of:  
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Examiner: NANCY S. VOGEL

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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO  
OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 6, 2005**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of one month to and including August 11, 2001 in which to respond to the Office Action dated July 6, 2005.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$510.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee (\$510.00) for a three-month extension of time.

If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R.

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